U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JEAN M. ST. PIERRE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Ipswich, MA

Docket No. 01-402; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 14, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant's disability after August 31, 1999 is causally related to her February 5, 1998 employment injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized August 10, 2000, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.¹

¹ The August 10, 2000 hearing representative decision affirmed an Office decision dated December 8, 1999.

The August 10, 2000 and December 8, 1999 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs are affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC August 14, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member